

From the Pastors Desk Cont.

Welcome and thank God for the Opening of our Church for public service again. We have learned some things about ourselves during these weeks of sheltering in place, social distancing and the physically scattered church. We have learned that we have greater capacity than we once thought. We have confronted, adjusted, shifted, responded and charted new paths. We have discovered that we can find ways to survive, and even thrive, in the midst of a global pandemic while still finding meaningful ways to love our neighbors. The surface area of our comfort zones has expanded. We have been reminded of the saying that is true. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is yet to arrive. What we have is right now. What we do, intentionally and deliberately, with “right now” matters.

We are very glad to Welcome you back to our Church with a “Big Distance Hug.” May our coming back re-establish and strengthen the core values of our faith – the ones that have proven to serve us well!

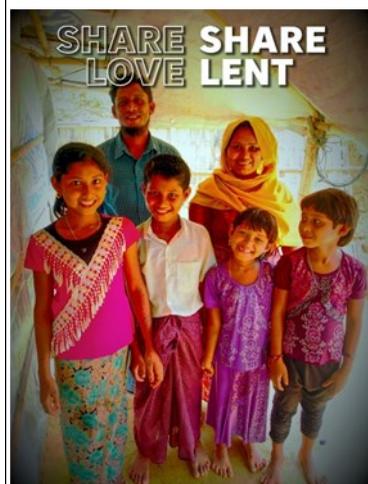
WHAT DOES THE WORD "LENT" MEAN?

The word Lent is apparently derived from the Old English Lencten, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours as spring approaches. In Latin, Lent is Quadragesima which means forty days. In Christianity, Lent is a time dedicated in a special way to conversion and renewal; to prayer, to fasting and to works of charity, a preparation for baptism or recollection of our baptism, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a season that reminds us to repent and get our lives centered, our priorities straight, and our hearts clean. Lent is a time to journey with Jesus on the Cross, the total giving of his life even to dying on the cross for our salvation.

We go into our own deserts, our own disciplines, our own fast knowing that through the days and months of our lives we have added baggage to our load that is not helpful, is not life giving, and is in the same way an actual wall between us and our God. Lent is not only a time for giving things up. It is also an excellent opportunity for us to take on new practices. It is good not only to give up bad habits, but also to form positive ones.

May God Bless Our Parish Family!

WEEK 2: FEBRUARY 22 TO 28, 2021



Share Love, Share Lent: Solidarity with communities in crises.

Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries?

This week, the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh.

Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us to keep supporting them by contributing to the collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

For inspiration, information and to donate, visit devp.org/lent.

VIRTUAL EVENT!

February 27 @ 11:00AM EST

Registration link : https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LnrWeM9jRMuI62elhdHXVg

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1st Sunday of Lent

February 21st, 2021



**“JESUS WAS
TEMPTED BY
SATAN; AND THE
ANGELS WAITED
ON HIM.”**

Education:

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: 905 349-2504
St Mary Elementary School, Grafton:
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Catholic School Board www.pvnccdsb.on.ca

Parish Committees & Organisations:

Finance Committee:
Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504
Knights of Columbus: 905 349-2504
Parish Pastoral Council
Fr. Peter Wayow Chairperson
Music at Mass:
Lorraine Schagen, 5 pm Mass on Sat 905 344-8310
Gay Stratford, Organist 10 am Mass on Sun 905 349-2861
Altar Servers
Parish Office 905-349-2504

St Mary’s Catholic Women’s League:
Pat Murphy, President 905 349-2847
Alta Vance, Religious Articles 905 344-7443
CWL Diocesan website:
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St Mary’s Cemetery Board:
Melissa Lilje, Secretary 905 349-2504
St Vincent de Paul Society 905 377-3263
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Bruce Lawson 905-349-2751
Ushers
Parish Office 905-349-2504
Lectors
Richard Holland 905-349-3710
Development and Peace
Suzanne Liptay 905-372-3031
Parish Library
Parish Office 905-349-2250

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the Month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9am

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21ST AT THE ALTAR

Feb. 22, Mon., **Chair of St Peter** - 9 am-

Feb. 23, Tues., Feria - 9 am -

Feb 24, Wed., Feria - 4:30 pm -

Feb 25, Thurs, Feria - 4:30 pm -

Feb 26, Fri., Feria - 4:30 pm -

Feb 27, Sat. Feria - 9 am

Feb 27, Sat., **2nd Sunday of Lent**

5 pm - **Germain Bowman** [Rob & Kathy Ugolini]

Feb 28, Sun., **2nd Sunday of Lent**

9 am - **For the people of the Parish**

11am -

NEXT WEEKEND LAY MINISTERS Feb 27 & 28	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Lectors	Greg Blick	John Logel	Joanna Mecozi
Eucharistic Ministers	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson	Dennis Goulin
Ushers/Greeters	Andrew de Graauw The Manley's	Ed Nemec Theo Mensen	Oledele Adebayo Joe Okane

Intercessions:

- Let us pray this Sunday for the Clergy and People of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception in Peterborough.
- Let us pray for the sick in our Parish.

PARISH NEWS PARISH FINANCES

	Last Weekend	Same Time Last Year
Sunday Collection	\$345.00	\$1,730.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00	\$20.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Stations of the Cross - Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7 pm during Lent.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support in sending in your donations!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES in February: Bohdan and Ulana Klufas (23 years on February 21st). God's Blessings on both of you!

OUR PARISH WEBSITE is now up and running. Please visit the website for Parish and Diocesan Information and the Weekly Bulletin.

During these pandemic days, dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues, that is, you are not obligated to attend Sunday mass at this time. Some parishioners may be afraid of catching the virus or there may not be any space in your local church to allow you to participate physically. It is not the law, but you are strongly advised to wear masks while in church. If you like, you can purchase one from the back of the church. They cost \$1.00 each, which is what we paid for them.

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Canadian Catholic Church since 1967. It supports communities in low-income countries in their struggles for justice and equality. It holds annual campaigns to educate us as Canadians about the root causes of global poverty and to mobilize us to act for change.

This Share Lent Campaign theme is *Share Love, Share Lent*, inspired by the message of social fraternity in Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

For more information, go to the D&P website: devp.org

A weekly webinar on this year's theme is available on the website.